GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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OVERHAUL FACILITIES FOR BMP
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to set up the overhaul facility for BMP;

(b) if so, the progress achieved so far in the field;

(c) whether the Union Government approached the Government of Russia for assistance for establishment of over haul facility for BMP; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Russian Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Union Government have decided to set up the overhaul facilities for ICVBMP at 512 Army Base Workshop, Kirkee, Pune under Project White Lily.

(b) Since the commencement of the overhaul, (Qty) 269 ICV BMP-I and (Qty) 388 engines have been overhauled by the workshop. Pilot overhaul of ICV BMP-II is under progress.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Russian Government has provided the requisite assistance in terms of training, plants, machinery, test equipment, technical literature and spares.